

ABOUT THE FARMGATE RANGE

The Farmgate range of feeds has been specifically designed to meet the demands of the increasing smallholder market. We pride ourselves on the following:

- **Nutritional Excellence**
- **Naturally Healthy**
- **Wholesome Ingredients**
- **Quality Assured**
- **Honesty and Integrity**
- **Exceptional Service**

All our Farmgate products are formulated using only the highest quality, non genetically modified raw materials, with feed safety our prime concern.

- **Integrated bio-security processes in place**
- **Rigorously tested and assured raw materials**
- **Protocols for finished product analysis**
- **Full traceability**
- **Extensive auditing procedures... both external and internal**

Our philosophy on quality assurance and requirement to confirm to exceptional standards is underpinned by our nutritional and bio-security responsibilities.

We aim to ensure that all our suppliers meet the agreed requirements, working with them continually to strive for improvements in quality.

Our quality policy is all encompassing involving all employees engaged in the production of Farmgate feeds.

With the Farmgate range of products coming in various physical forms, our products are available for feeding indoor and outdoor making them suitable for all feeding regimes for Poultry, Pig, All Stock and Goats.

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For a comprehensive smallholder range of feeds with a quality assurance and feed safety record that is second to none...
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healthy livestock, fed the traditional way

Pigs, the farmgate Way



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Your complete feeding & care guide for Pigs



FEEDING GUIDE FOR PIGS

Farmgate Sow & Weaner Meal, Nuts & Rolls – are highly palatable feeds for feeding to sows and their piglets. Feeding the Sow & Weaner range ensures good milk production, resulting in well grown, healthy pigs. Available in three forms to suit all feeding regimes, all contain 16% protein.

For sows in pregnancy feed 2.5-3kg/day (depending on weather/environment and condition of sow).

For sows in lactation, after 3 days gradually increase by 0.5kg/day to a maximum of 10-12kg (based on 10 piglets in litter).

Weaning to service (usually 3-5 days after weaning) - feed 3.5kg/day.

For Piglets weaned at 8 weeks, allow access to **Farmgate Sow & Weaner** from about 3 weeks of age to ensure they are eating compound feed before weaning.

Farmgate Pig Grower Pellets – a highly nutritious Grower diet designed to provide the pig with the optimum balance of nutrients for healthy and efficient growth. Feed ad-lib to pigs from 8 weeks of age. Pigs should be changed from Farmgate Sow & Weaner over a 3 day period until fully acclimatised to the Farmgate Pig Grower in order to prevent any growth checks.



For grower pigs, feed ad-lib from 8-12/14 weeks.

Farmgate Pig Finisher Pellets – a specialist feeding pellet designed to provide optimal balance of nutrients, to optimise lean meat deposition.

Feed to appetite to a maximum of 2.5kg/day/pig from 12/14 weeks to slaughter.

All feed should be stored in a cool, dry place. Always keep utensils and hoppers clean. Fresh clean water should be available at all times.

PIG KEEPING GUIDE

Before making a decision on the type of breed you choose, you would be wise to get some knowledge of the different sectors of pigkeeping.

PIG BUYING CHECKLIST

- Use the internet, agricultural newspapers, smallholder magazines for reputable pig contacts
- Buy in early or late spring
- Where possible buy from a breeder
- Avoid buying at auction, livestock markets or simply "over the telephone"
- Always view litters before many piglets have been sold
- Assess the current environment of the pig/piglets
- Check for good health and temperament
- Check the pig's earmarks, documentation and registration
- Go with your initial impression when selecting your pigs

HOUSING

Pigs need to be in well ventilated, draught free housing. As most of the heat is lost through the roof, housing should be well insulated.

Pigs like to nest, so straw on the floor will make for a warm and comfortable sleeping area and it will also avoid damage to their hocks (ankle joints).

Good exercise area with drainage that runs away from the house. There are many different ways of housing your pigs: arks, stys, sheds or stables all make for adequate housing.

Sweep out the house approx every 4 weeks and replenish with fresh straw.

CARE

Pigs need comfort and shelter, access to fresh water and a healthy diet to maintain their health.

Pigs will often turn their water over in favour of a roll in the water. A dug out "wallow" is an ideal way of keeping pigs cool in the summer but if this is not possible the pigs must have access to a well shaded area and plenty of drinking water especially in hot weather.

Approach pigs with caution as they scare easily. A stressed pig can die of a heart attack.

FEEDING

Young weaners and growing pigs should be offered unlimited (ad-lib) feed wherever possible. Special feed troughs are designed to do this. Older animals not being fed ad-lib should be fed twice a day at regular intervals am and pm.

HEALTH

A healthy pig can be identified by its curly tail, clean skin, bright eyes and silky coat exempt from red and roughness.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Owners of pet pigs must notify the Animal Health Authority (AHO) or the Trading Standards Office.

It is illegal to feed any catering waste or meat to pigs since the outbreak of Foot & Mouth in 2001.

Once you have brought your pigs home, they will be under a 20 day standstill rule. This is to protect the outbreak of disease, acting as an incubation period.

MEAT CATEGORIES –

Suckling pig	Usually a very young pig still on the sow
Weaner	A newly weaned pig, usually between 8-10 weeks old and weighing around 20kg
Porker	A pig around 4-5 months old, weighing around 60kg
Cutter	Kept longer than a porker, anything up to 6 months, weighing around 75kg
Baconer	Grown specifically for bacon, between 7-8 months old, weighing around 90kg
Sausage pigs	Specifically for sausages, older sows or pigs that are no longer required

Healthy Heart, Husbandry & Hygiene
makes for Happy pigs

